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SENATOR SUMNER'S TEST OF LOYALTY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, 1870.

Interview of the Haytian Representative with Secretary Fish—Amicable Relations with the United States Retained—No Interference with Affairs in St. Domingo—The Haytian Navy Disarmed.

Mr. Fish, the Secretary of State, was interviewed by the Haytian representative, M. de la Roche, on the subject of the relations between the United States and Hayti. The interview took place at the State Department, and was of a friendly character. Mr. Fish expressed his satisfaction with the present state of affairs, and his willingness to maintain the peace and stability of the island. He stated that the United States had no intention of interfering with the internal affairs of Hayti, and that the only reason for the presence of the American fleet was to protect the commerce of the United States. He also mentioned that the Haytian navy had been disarmed, and that the United States was now in a position to protect the island from foreign aggression. The interview ended on a friendly note, and the Haytian representative expressed his appreciation for the hospitality of the Secretary of State.

Report of General Sickles' Nomination.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs have agreed to report favorably on the nomination of General Sickles as Minister to Spain.

Wholesale Removal of Disabilities.

The Reconstruction Committee reported a bill to relieve some 3,000 ex-convicts from their political disabilities. Each petition was accompanied by recommendations and no name was placed in the bill except such as were recommended by the responsible persons known to the committee. The bill was passed by a large majority, and the Reconstruction Committee reported a bill to remove the political disabilities of ex-convicts. The bill was passed by a large majority, and the Reconstruction Committee reported a bill to remove the political disabilities of ex-convicts. The bill was passed by a large majority, and the Reconstruction Committee reported a bill to remove the political disabilities of ex-convicts.

Another Useless Expenditure of the Public Funds—Proposed Discontinuance of the Congressional Globe.

Among the proposed economic measures of Congress is the discontinuance of the Congressional Globe. In a discussion in the House to-day the subject was referred to incidentally, and several prominent members gave it as their opinion that the Globe is a useless and expensive institution, which can be dispensed with. The fact was stated that two-thirds of all the speeches printed in the Globe are never delivered in the House. Members are in the habit of writing, or having written, dull, stupid essays and having them printed at the expense of the government under the "leave to print" process. Nobody reads these productions except the person who writes them, and a few admiring and too partial friends. General Garfield thought private enterprise would supply all that is of interest or that the people care to have about the proceedings of Congress, if the Globe was abolished. There are a large number of the ablest and most thoughtful members of Congress who share in the views of General Garfield as regards the Globe, and it may be that the annual appropriation of several hundred thousand dollars for that publication will be left out of the appropriation bill this year.

The Northern Pacific Railroad.

The Pacific Railroad Committee of the House has agreed to report a bill authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to issue bonds and borrow money upon its franchise and property, so as to complete the road. The location of the western end of the road is to be at a point on the Columbia river, instead of Puget sound.

A Big Railroad Swindle in Florida.

The carpet-bag legislators of Florida have just passed a bill to aid a railroad in that State in the shape of an eight per cent. State bond to the amount of about five millions of dollars. Nearly all the bonds are to be delivered before any expenditures are made on the road in the way of constructing it. It is stated that the parties having this railroad project in charge obtained in the same manner some six million dollars in bonds from the State of North Carolina, with the promise that they would build a road in that State, but that the promise has not been redeemed.

Nominations Sent to the Senate.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day: John A. Butler, Jr., to be United States Collector at Acapulco, Mexico; William H. Heise, Collector of Customs at Newburyport, Mass.; George B. Creacher, Surveyor of Customs at Newburyport, Mass.; Charles D. Howard, Surveyor of Customs at Salem, Mass.; Silas Reed, of Missouri, Surveyor General of Wyoming Territory; Frank Wolcott, of Kentucky, Receiver of Public Moneys in Wyoming Territory; Charles C. Crowe, of Alabama, Register of the Land Office in Wyoming Territory; William H. Hyatt, of Louisiana, Receiver of Public Moneys in New Orleans, La.; Samuel R. Franklin, to take his original position as commander in the navy.

Nominations Confirmed.

The Senate, in executive session, to-day confirmed the following nominations: Charles N. Whidden and William H. Sargent as Collectors of Customs for the districts respectively of Passamaquoddy and Castine, Me.

The Senate referred the nominations of Judges Strong and Bradley, as Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Postal Convention with Italy.

An additional postal convention has been concluded between the United States and Italy, reducing the rate of international letter postage on

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letters exchanged in closed mails, via England, from fifteen to ten cents per single rate of fifteen grams (half ounce) of weight, and to take effect on February 15, 1870. The rates of postage, conditions of payment, &c., on newspapers, book packets and samples of foreign produce, are to be the same. Masters will levy and collect postage accordingly on and after February 1, 1870. By order of the Postmaster General, J. C. McKIM, Superintendent Foreign Mails.

Claims for Arrests of Pensioners.

The Secretary of the Interior has recently made the following decisions:—

Where an invalid pensioner has died without filing an affidavit or certificate of death, the pension will be paid to the next of kin, or to the person who has taken care of him. Where a pensioner dropped from the rolls under the act of February 4, 1862, has died without having filed an affidavit or certificate of death, no claim for arrears since the date the pensioner's name was dropped from the rolls can be entertained.

Cotton Cakes Before the Supreme Court.

A number of Treasury cotton cakes from the Court of Appeals were taken up for argument in the Supreme Court to-day. The cases were brought under the Captured and Abandoned Property act of 1865, and involve various questions of fact besides the question of the date of the close of the rebellion.

Work on the Potomac Railroad.

Active preparations will soon be commenced on the Potomac Railroad, extending from Fredericksburg to Alexandria, Va. It is the intention of the company to commence the construction of the road at the earliest practicable moment. Colonel Carter M. Braxton has been invited to accept the position of Chief Engineer, to prepare the line for the contractors.

Forty-First Congress.

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, 1870.

The Vice President laid before the Senate resolutions of the Iowa Legislature ratifying the fifteenth amendment.

French Spoliations Claims.

Mr. SUMNER (rep.) of Mass., presented resolutions of the Legislature of Massachusetts relating to the French spoliations claims. Laid on the table.

Bills and Resolutions Reported.

Mr. SUMNER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to provide for the appointment of a Solicitor of the Department of State, and for additional clerks in the department. Also, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, a bill to amend the charter of the District of Columbia, and to provide for the appointment of a Solicitor of the District of Columbia, and for additional clerks in the department.

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THE STORM.

The Change in the Weather—The Sleet, the Snow and the Slush—The Gale in This City, in Brooklyn and Along the Coast—Reports of Marine Disasters.

At last! Snow in bushelfuls; snow with rain and sleet; snow amalgamated with metropolitan mud; snow underfoot and snow overhead; is abroad upon the housetops, in the areas—

scudding along on blinding and bewildering winds, and the streets are covered with a soft, white carpet, and those who pretended to mind the customary snow and sleet are more than satisfied. The cold, snipping air of the last few days was premonitory of snow, and on yesterday morning the fast-falling flakes surprised the sleepy policemen on their posts.

At four A. M. slightly it fell, whitening the flagpoles and silencing the tops of the street lamps faintly glimmering in the silent streets. Then heavier and dirtier snow came down, yielded itself to the sweeping wind and penetrated everywhere. When the morning—cold and chill—dawned upon the town a soft white mantle covered the streets and the snow still fell with a heavy, dreary and wretched, the prospect for dirty snow-blasted crossings, cars were "like angels' visits, few and far between," and the troubles of pedestrians were great